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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

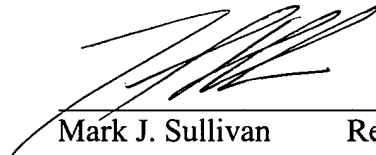
Applicants wish to thank Examiner Manish Shah for initiating and participating in the telephonic interviews on March 29 and 31, 2005 with regard to the above application. Examiner Shah telephoned on March 29, 2005 to inform us that he will allow claims 1-5 and 7-21 of the above application, but that he would have to reject supplementally amended claim 6 under a 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection over newly discovered art. At Examiner Shah's request, claim 6 had been amended on February 18, 2005 to be written in independent form. Examiner Shah asked whether we would like to receive an office action rejecting claim 6 but allowing claims 1-5 and 7-21, or receive an Examiner's Amendment in which claim 6 was amended to depend from claim 1. At issue is the limitation in claim 6 that $W_2/W_1 \geq 1.0$. The newly discovered art is alleged to render

claim 6 obvious only if $W_2/W_1 \geq 1.0$. This same art will not render obvious claim 6 if it is amended to depend from claim 1, thus reciting that $W_2/W_1 \geq 1.5$.

Examiner Shah asked if we could provide him with an answer by Thursday, March 31, 2005. We initiated a telephone interview on March 31, 2005 to tell Examiner Shah that we elect to receive the office action rejecting claim 6 and allowing the other claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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